

Relief work in Chitaldrug District.

Q.—47. Sri G. DUGGAPPA (Holalkere—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total amount of grant allotted to Chitaldrug District to take up relief work in distress areas ;

(b) the total amount of grant that has been spent up to the end of 1st October 1952 (talukwar and circlewar figures may be furnished) ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) Rs. 5,00,000 in the P.W.D. for 'Grow More Food' works in the District including distressed areas and Rs. 3,44,500 from the Famine insurance and other funds.

(b)	Rs.
Chitaldrug	... 27,639
Challakere	... 6,325
Molakalmuru	... 8,736
Hiriyur	... 19,870
Holalkere	... 10,244
Hosadurga	... 4,917
Davangere	... 23,447
Harihar	... 4,304
Jagalur	... 7,650
Total	... 1,13,132

Particulars of expenditure in the Revenue Department are being collected.

Monopoly of running buses on six specified routes.

Q.—48. Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamarajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have passed orders on 5th September 1952 for taking over the monopoly of running buses on six specified routes from 1st October 1952 ;

(b) whether the taking over of the monopoly has been postponed ;

(c) the reasons for postponing ;

(d) the number of Government buses running over the six routes ;

(e) the number of private buses running over the six routes and the names of private bus owners ;

(f) when the licenses were granted to private bus owners ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Press Note issued in this connection is printed below.

(d) 56.

(e) List printed below.

(f) Information not readily available.

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PRESS NOTE

On the 5th September 1952, Government passed orders that they would be taking over the monopoly of running buses on six specified routes, and prohibiting private bus owners from plying their buses on the above mentioned routes with effect from the 1st October 1952.

Several leading bus owners have since approached the Government with a request to postpone giving effect to the said Government Order till the 1st January 1953, mainly on the ground that about 300 private buses would be displaced and about 7,000 persons would be thrown out of employment. They placed that the time at their disposal since passing of the Government Order was too short for them to find alternative modes of livelihood for themselves or their staff, who have been in this line for the last several years. They, however, assure Government that they will earnestly co-operate in making the monopoly a success and that they will unconditionally surrender their permits on the monopoly routes on the 31st December 1952. Till that date they request the postponement of giving effect to the Government Order.

Government do not accept that there has been any short notice in this connection, as the scheme of nationalisation has been under contemplation for